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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Freddie Leon Savage, Jr. was born on October 20,  
3           1932 in Wabaseka, Arkansas to the union of Freddie L. and Ruby  
4           Jewel Savage, Sr., the eldest of 10 children; he attended  
5           Edmund C. Burke Elementary School when the family moved to  
6           Chicago in 1943 for approximately one year due to a fire at the  
7           family's kitchenette apartment; and

8           WHEREAS, Once the family settled at the Altgeld Gardens  
9           Housing Development in February of 1945, with his 7 siblings,  
10          Freddie Savage, Jr. enrolled at George Washington Carver  
11          Elementary School; and

12          WHEREAS, Freddie Savage, Jr. worked after school at the  
13          Roseland Bowling Alley and ultimately gained employment at the  
14          Pershing Hotel as a bellman; and

15          WHEREAS, A hardworking young man, while working as a  
16          bellman, Freddie Savage, Jr. attended and graduated from  
17          Chicago Vocational High School in 1951; and

18          WHEREAS, In 1955, Freddie Savage, Jr. met Yvonne E. Savage  
19          while she was working as a cook at the family's restaurant  
20          known as "the trailer" on 58th Street near Calumet; and

1           WHEREAS, The courtship ultimately led to marriage on  
2 February 8, 1958; to this union on March 1, 1961, Freddie L.  
3 Savage, III was born; on November 21, 1963, Sherri J. Savage  
4 was born; and on October 26, 1969, Britt L. Savage was born;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, While maintaining employment at the Inland Steel  
7 Mill from 1956 to 1986, Freddie Savage, Jr., a visionary, and  
8 Yvonne E. Savage, established Chesterfield Tom Thumb Day Care  
9 Center on October 12, 1970; and

10           WHEREAS, A faithful member of the South Shore United  
11 Methodist Church for over 40 years, Freddie Savage, Jr. served  
12 as an usher, a board member of the trustees and the child care  
13 center, and with the food pantry; his commitment to youth led  
14 him to become a distinguished leader as the Scoutmaster of  
15 Troop 1500; and

16           WHEREAS, Instrumental in lives of many young men as a  
17 Scoutmaster, for over 25 years, Freddie Savage, Jr. tirelessly  
18 raised money for the troop by hosting the renowned fish fries;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Freddie Savage, Jr., an exercise enthusiast,  
21 joined the board of the Jesse Owens Advisory Council; during  
22 his tenure, the council successfully assisted with the

1 development of the current field house; and

2 WHEREAS, On June 29, 2015, Freddie Savage, Jr. passed away,  
3 leaving behind a legacy of community involvement and civic  
4 engagement with love and compassion for his family, neighbors,  
5 and fellow churchgoers who will always remember the dedication  
6 of Mr. Savage; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 recognize the life, commitments, and achievements of Freddie L.  
10 Savage, Jr.; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Freddie Savage, Jr. as an expression  
13 of our deepest sympathy.